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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Kevin Lamont Bogar
Robber Convicted

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Kevin Lamont Bogar, age 36, of Modesto, was convicted on October 5, 2010 after a three-day jury trial of Robbery and Brandishing a Weapon. It was also found true that the Bogar had a prior felony conviction that falls under California's "Three Strikes" law, a prior serious felony conviction, and had served a prior prison term. Deputy District Attorney Abel C.K. Hung prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 30, 2008, Bogar entered the Wal-Mart store at 2225 Plaza Parkway in Modesto. A Wal-Mart loss prevention officer (LPO) observed the defendant concealing various store merchandise in a backpack that Bogar brought into the store with him. The LPO observed Bogar then leave the store without paying for the items inside his backpack. The LPO confronted Bogar and identified himself as store security. The LPO requested that Bogar return to the store and return the stolen property. Bogar failed to comply with the multiple requests and continued to walk away from the LPO. The LPO summoned other Wal-Mart employees for help and they continued to follow Bogar and request the return of the stolen property. Bogar then produced a large, sheathed fixed blade knife from his backpack and threatened the LPO and employees. While doing so, Bogar attempted to leave the scene on his bike with his backpack and the stolen merchandise. Bogar tried to flee but was eventually detained and held by the Wal-Mart employees until officers with the Modesto Police Department arrived.

The Honorable Ricardo Cordova scheduled the sentencing hearing for October 25, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 8. Bogar faces a maximum time of 16 years in state prison.

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